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1. INDOCHINA

NYT AND WP CARRY EXTENSIVE STORIES REPORTING VIETNAM WAR
ERA DOVES PROTESTING AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN SRV. GROUP INCLUDING JOAN BAEZ, BERRIGANS,
CONGRESSMAN FRASER SEND LETTERS TO VIETS WHICH REMAINED
UNANSWERED. WHEN MEMBERS OF GROUP VISITED VIETS AT UN
THEY MET BY LOCKED DOORS. HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AND
ANNOUNCE DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SRV'S LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS
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AND FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO THEIR WARTIME EXPRESSIONS OF
CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM.

JOC REPORTS FROM SINGAPORE THAT SRV HAS DRAFTED CODE
FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED
IN TWO MONTHS. DRAFT PROVIDES FOR COOPERATIVE
PRODUCTION OF RAW MATERIALS, JOINT VENTURES, INVESTMENT
IN EXPORT PRODUCTION. QUOTES SRV'S VICE MINISTER OF
FOR TRADE AS SAYING THAT 100 FOREIGN INVESTMENT

POSSIBLE IN PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT ONLY.

2. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS TROOPS HAVE BEEN HELPING QUELL ARMED CONFLICT/LOOTING/SABOTAGE IN STRIFE-TORN PAOTING, ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCES. SOURCES CITED MURDER/RAPE, SAID POL STRIFE EARLIER THIS YEAR IN PAOTING REACHED LEVEL WHERE FACTORIES BLOWN UP, BANKS ROBBED, RIVAL GROUPS TOOK HOSTAGES. BUT ANALYSTS NOT CERTAIN WHEN PAOTING VIOLENCE AT PEAK, ALTHOUGH SOME SOURCES REPORT DISORDERS QUELLED (NYT, WP, PHINQ).

AP (SYDNEY) REPORTS "MORNING HERALD" FROM PEKING THAT FIGHTING/VIOLENCE INVOLVING "GANG OF FOUR'S" ARMED SUPPORTERS HAS BROKEN OUT IN MORE THAN DOZEN PRC PROVINCES. PAOTING DISORDERS REPORTEDLY HAVE DISRUPTED RELIEF SUPPLY MATERIALS TO TANGSHAN; SEEN AS ESPECIALLY SERIOUS BECAUSE OF CITY'S PROXIMITY TO PEKING (SUN).

NCNA ACCUSED "GANG OF FOUR" FOLLOWERS THURS OF CREATING DISTURBANCES IN HONAN PROVINCE, ATTEMPTING INSTIGATE AGRIC SABOTAGE THERE (REUTER HK).

NCNA REPORTS WOLITUM CHEMICAL FERTILIZER PLANT, WHICH CHIANG CHING ONCE TRIED HAVE DISMANTLED BECAUSE IT USED IMPORTED EQUIPMENT, HAS GONE INTO PRODUCTION AT TACHING UNCLASSIFIED

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OIL FIELD (UPI, JOC).

ACCORDING NCNA, PRC HAD ANOTHER GOOD HARVEST THIS YEAR, WITH GRAIN OUTPUT REACHING "ALL-TIME HIGH"; BUT NO ACTUAL FIGURES GIVEN (REUTER HK 12/29).

3. THAILAND

REUTER REPORTS AMEMB SPOKESMAN IN BANGKOK SAYS RTG READY TO BUY ABOUT \$45 MILLION OF US AMMUNITION AND AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED SHORTLY.

WP AND LAT CARRY AP REPORT OF FIRINGS AND RISING TENSION IN BORDER AREA WITH CAMBODIA.

WSJ REPORTS FROM BANGKOK THAT AIR SIAM EXPECTED SUSPEND FLIGHTS THIS WEEK. COMBINATION OF BAD DEBTS AND BAD BLOOD COMBINE TO BRING ABOUT PROBABLE DEATH OF MAVERICK AIRLINE WHICH HOLDS LANDING RIGHTS IN LA. NOW

RTG LINEUP INCLUDES SUPPORTERS OF THAI INT AIRLINES TO DETRIMENT OF AIR SIAM. IATA SUSPENDS LINE FOR FAILURE TO MEET DEBT PAYMENTS. PRICE SLASHINGS GENERATE ENMITY

OF COMPETITORS,US LAWSUITS.

4. JAPAN

PRES JAPAN-NK TRADE COUNCIL SADAS MURAKAMI SAYS JAPAN/NK HAVE AGREED RESCHEDULE NK MULTI-MILLION-DOL TRADE DEBT TO JAPAN. DETAILS NOT DISCLOSED (WSJ).

ACCORDING NIKKEI DOW JONES INDICATOR, STOCKS TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE HIT HIGHEST POINT SINCE 1973 IN 12/28 FINAL TRADING SESSION OF 1976 (DJ LAT 12/29).

DATSON EXEC EXPECTS SALES DATSON CARS/TRUCKS US 1977
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TO RISE 7 PERCENT TO 370,000 UNITS (LAT 12/29).

C. ITOH, JAPANS 4TH LARGEST TRADING HOUSE, AGREES MERGE BY 10/1/77 W/FINANCIALLY-TROUBLED ATAKA, JAPAN'S 10TH LARGEST TRADING CONCERN. MERGER WILL PRODUCE COUNTRY'S 3RD LARGEST TRADING ORGANIZATION (WSJ).

WHIRLPOOL CORP AND SANYO ELECTRIC CO, LTD REPORT COMPLETION 12/29 OF PREVIOUSLY-ANNOUNCED TRANSACTION INVOLVING ACQUISITION BY SANYO OF CONTROLLING INTEREST IN TV BUSINESS OF WARWICK ELECTRONICS INC, 57 PERCENT OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF WHIRLPOOL (JOC).

WSJ'S KANABAYASHI DOES FEATURE ON "UNFLAGGING POPULARITY" OF "CONSUMING PARTIME" GAME PACHINKO.

SEIDEN, IN SECTION 5 OF SERIES ON JAPAN, TURNS TO OSAKA, WHERE STEREOTYPE CITIZEN IS "RELAXED, INFORMAL, EMOTIONAL, TALKATIVE" AS FRIEND, BUT "SHREWD, CALCULATING, AND STINGY" AS BUSINESSMAN (SUN).

5. GENERAL

CHITRIB, LAT AND WSTAR CARRY REPORTS OF UNANIMOUS ITC RULING THAT U.S. SHOE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT BY IMPORTS. TO MEET JAN 6 TO RECOMMEND SPECIFIC ACTION TO PRES. WHO EARLIER HAD REJECTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION.

JOC SAYS FEC CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES NEW SHIPPING RATES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 15 INCREASE.

CAB CHARGES FLYING TIGER LINE WITH ILLEGALLY ACCOUNTING FOR \$81,000 IN POLITICAL PAYMENTS TO US AND FOREIGN FIGURES BETWEEN 1969 AND 1973. AIRLINE SPOKESMAN SAYS TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS ONLY. PAYMENTS INCLUDE GIFTS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SKOREAN PM, WIFE OF SKOREAN PRES AND WIFE OF SVIET PM
(ALL LESS THAN \$5,000 "ACH").

NYT SAYS VANCE FORMS STAFF OF OLD AND NEW AIDES. REPEATS LINEUP OF CHRISTOPHER, HABIB, PROBABLY HOLBROOKE FOR EA AND P, ASSIST SEC. ATHERTON, SCHAFLE AND HARTMAN TO REMAIN. MOOSE LIKELY FOR UNDERSEC FOR MGMT. WARNKE/OWEN POSSIBILITIES FOR ACDA HEAD. LAKE, TARNOFF AND NINETZ WILL PROBABLY CORRESPOND TO LORD, EAGLEBURGER, AND SONNENFELDT.

6. KOREA

CHITRIB, IN YR-END WRAP-UP EVENTS THAT MADE NEWS 1976, GIVES PROMINENT PLACE TO "KOREAN LOBBY SCANDAL."

SEOUL APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTIONS 18 MYONGDONG DISSIDENTS, BUT REDUCES/SUSPENDS SENTENCES. KIM DAE JUNG/EX-PRES YUN PO SUN AMONG THOSE HAVING TERMS REDUCED FROM 8 TO 5 YRS. CASES NOW GO SUPREME COURT (WP'S SAAR; NYT, JOC; WSTAR 12/29).

MORE MAJOR PAPERS CARRY STORY RE CATHOLIC/PROTESTANT/JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS' BLAST AT REV MOON/UNIFICATION CHURCH (AP CHITRIB, CSM; AP WSTAR/LAT 12/29). CHURCH SPOKESMEN DENY BIGOTRY CHARGES--TERM CRITICISM "HYSTERICAL", "MALICIOUS", "HIGHLY OFFENSIVE, HIGHLY DISTORTED" (NYT'S PERLMUTTER; AP, WP).

GOV'T PERU EXPELS MEMBER NK COMMERCIAL DELEGATION FOR SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES SIMILAR THOSE IN SCANDINAVIA (UPI NYT/JOC/NYON;WP).

JHOON RHEE'S KARATE BUSINESS SOURING, DUE PUBLICITY RE SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING. RHEE SAYS "DAMAGED VERY BAD"
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AS RESULT NEWS ACCOUNTS CONNECTING HIM WITH CURRENT PROBE (UP'S MCALLISTER)..

7. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S STERNE REPORTS WHILE FILIPINOS' PRESENCE IN CITY HAS GONE UNNOTICED BY MANY NEW YORKERS, THEY ARE SIZABLE GROUP, GROWING. SAYS POL REPRESSION IN PHILS HAS PUT NEW PUSH BEHIND MIDDLE-CLASS EXODUS. ONE STOCKBROKER ON 9TH AVE'S "MANILA STRIP" CITES AI REPORT ON TORTURE POL PRISONERS, VOUCHES FOR TRUTH OF CHARGES; BUSINESSMAN WHO FREQUENTLY RETURNS TO ISLANDS, REPORTS

PEOPLE THERE WATCH WHAT GOES ON HERE, HOW ONE US PRES DEPOSED, ANOTHER INSTALLED, WITHOUT BLOODSHED--SAID IF IMMIGRATION QUOTA LARGER, MANY MORE WOULD LEAVE.

COMMENT

8. CHINA

SUN'S WU (HK) REPORTS PEKING WEDNESDAY SINGLED OUT RECENTLY COMPLETED US-BUILT WOLITUN FERTILIZER PLANT AS EXAMPLE OF ACCELERATING ECON DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DIALECTICAL COMBINATION OF PUBLICIZED SELF-RELIANCE PRINCIPLE WITH IMPORT FOREIGN EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY. OBSERVES WHILE NCNA REPORT ONE OF MANY IN THIS DEBATE SINCE DOWNFALL "GANG OF FOUR," THIS FIRST TIME US TECHNOLOGY CITED, EVEN THOUGH NOT BY NAME.

SUN FINDS HUA-VS.-"GANG OF FOUR" PARALLEL TO "GAMES PLAYED BY INS AGAINST OUTS IN MORE CONVENTIONAL POLITICS IS STARTLING." SUGGESTS AS TIME MOVES ON, HUA COMES TO GRIPS WITH CHOU'S PLAN TO MODERNIZE PRC BY YEAR 2000, HE MAY COME TO MISS CHIANG CHING/ASSOCIATES, SINCE WHAT GOES WRONG HENCEFORTH CANNOT BE HER DOING.

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LAT'S LESLIE (HK12/29) BELIEVES HUA'S AGRIC CONFERENCE SPEECH SATURDAY HELPED CLEAR UP "SOMEWHAT PUZZLING" OFFICIAL RELEASE LAST WEEKEND OF PREVIOUSLY UNPUBLISHED 20-YR-OLD MAO SPEECH. SAYS SINCE TWO SPEECHES SIMILAR IN MANY RESPECTS, STEP APPEARS TAKEN AS WAY PORTRAYING HUA AS MAO'S RIGHTFUL FOLLOWER. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO (PEKING) SEES GENERAL TONE OF HUA'S REMARKS INDICATING PRC ECON PLANNERS ARE TREATING 1977 AS TRANSITIONAL YEAR ON ECON RECOVERY (CSM).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS (PEKING) CITES PEOPLE'S DAILY'S THURS REPORT THAT PRC IS REVIVING POPULAR FILMS/STAGEWORKS/SONGS, NOT SEEN/HEARD BY PUBLIC FOR OVER DECADE, AS "NEW LOOK" CULTURAL POLICY GETS UNDERWAY. NOTES SINCE CHIANG CHING'S ARREST, PEKING CONCERT AUDIENCES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO TEARS BY ONE OF COUNTRY'S GREATEST SOPRANOS, WANG HUNG--PREVENTED FROM APPEARING IN PUBLIC SINCE SHE TOOK STARRING ROLE IN "WHITE-HAIRED GIRL" AT BEGINNING GPCR; AFTER END CHIANG CHING'S "STEROTYPED DIET," CHINESE AUDIENCES ALSO FLOCKING TO SEE PRODUCTIONS LIKE "EAST IS RED," WHICH HAS "REFRESHING MEASURE OF ARTISTIC AND MUSICAL MERIT."

9. KOREA

ROK AMB TO UN HAN, IN LTR NYT, CALLS NYT'S 11/30

HALLORAN STORY (PEGGING AMB AS HEAD ROKG INTELL US)
TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION"/"IRRESPONSIBLE ALLEGATION."
HAN ALSO DENIES ANY LINK SK GRANT 1 MILL DOLS HARVARD,

AND ALLEGATIONS CONNECTING PRES PARK WITH TONGSUN PARK
OR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.

CHITRIB EXPRESSES DOUBT HOUSE ETHICS CMTE WILL DO PROPER
PROBE SK LOBBYING. FEELS JUSTICE DEPT WOULD DO BETTER
JOB. ASSERTS THERE MORE SERIOUS REASONS FOR ROK/US
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FALLING OUT THAN ALLEGED "BUGGING" BLUE HOUSE-STATES
ONE WOULD BE "OUR CLIENT STATE'S BRIBERY OF AMERICAN
LEGISLATORS;" ANOTHER THE "UNQUESTIONABLE TYRANNY OF
PRESIDENT PARK'S REGIME," FOR WHICH KN THREAT NOT
SUFFICIENT EXCUSE.

CSM'S OKA (TOKYO) REPORTS "DETERIORATING POLITICAL
RELATIONS" BETWEEN ROK/US ALARMING JAPANESE, WHO
"RELUCTANTLY WOULD AGREE" TO WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM
SK, BUT HOPE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE DELAYED LONG AS POSSIBLE
TO AVOID DESTABILIZING NE ASIA AREA.

NYDN CARRIES POL CARTOON SHOWING HOUSE ETHICS CMTE OFFICE,
WITH "IN" BASKET STUFFED WITH "KOREAN CASH/GIFTS."
APPREHENSIVE FIGURE IS HANGING "OUT" SIGN ON OFFICE DOOR
WHILE CLOSING IT.

10. GENERAL

NYT SEES CARTER INHERITING WORLD SITUATION NOT FREE OF
CRISIS, BUT ONE NOT LIKELY DEMAND IMMEDIATE AGONIZING
DECISION--NO VN, SIMILAR INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS. WELCOMES
"WISE PRIORITY" CARTER EMPHASIZES IN NEARLY ALL FOPOLICY
STATEMENTS FOR REJUVENATING US MAJOR ALLIANCES, PERFECT-
ING N AMERICA/WEUROPE/JAPAN PARTNERSHIP. CONTENDS
CLOSEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES/JAPAN
ESSENTIAL IN ORDER AVOID SERIOUS WORLD ECON DIFFICULTIES.

NYT SAYS IN EA, FREE OF TERRIBLE BURDEN VN WAR AND WITH
RELS WITH JAPAN ON UPGRADE, CARTER ADMIN SHOULD BE
ABLE GRADUALLY MAKE CONTACT WITH NEW INDOCHINA REGIMES,
EXPAND RELS WITH PRC WITHOUT SACRIFICING ROC INDEPENDENCE,
AND STRIVE FOR HEALTHIER/LESS-DEPENDENT RELS WITH SK,
PHLIS.
ROBINSON

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